

**CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT  
BETWEEN  
TOWN OF PEPPERELL  
AND  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

This agreement, made this April 11, 2022, pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 108N of the Massachusetts General Laws, by and between the Town of Pepperell, acting by and through its Select Board (“the Board”), and Andrew MacLean (“the Town Administrator”), witnesseth that:

WHEREAS, the Board desires to secure the services of Andrew MacLean as Town Administrator of the Town of Pepperell; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to provide certain benefits, establish the conditions of employment and set the salary of said Town Administrator; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to retain the services of the Town Administrator and to provide inducement for him to remain in such employment; and

WHEREAS, Andrew MacLean is willing to undertake and perform the duties of Town Administrator of said Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Employment. The Town hereby employs Andrew MacLean, and Andrew MacLean hereby accepts employment as Town Administrator of the Town of Pepperell.
2. Term. This contract shall be effective for a term commencing on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

Nothing in this Contract shall prevent, limit or otherwise interfere with the right of the Town to terminate the services and employment of the Town Administrator at any time, subject only to the provisions set forth in Section 14 of this Contract.

Nothing in this Contract shall prevent, limit or otherwise interfere with the right of the Town Administrator to resign at any time from his position with the Town, subject only to the provisions set forth in Section 14 of this Contract.

By December 31, 2024, the Select Board shall notify the Town Administrator, in writing, of its intention to enter into successor negotiations for a new contract. If the Town fails to notify the Town Administrator by the deadline, the contract is automatically extended for one year, to June 30, 2026, under the current terms.

3. Compensation. For performing the duties of Town Administrator, the Town shall pay the Town Administrator as follows:
  - (i) July 1, 2022 – Salary. \$155,000 for FY 2023
  - (ii) July 1, 2023 – Salary, \$160,000 for FY24 dependent on a satisfactory performance evaluation
  - (iii) July 1, 2024 - Salary 165,000 for FY25, dependent on a satisfactory performance evaluation.

The Town and the Town Administrator agree that the Town shall pay the Town Administrator in equal installments pursuant to the Town's payroll cycle, less lawful withholdings and deductions. The Town Administrator agrees to direct deposit.

4. Duties. The Town Administrator shall perform the functions and duties as indicated in the Town Charter for the position of Town Administrator, as well as the functions and duties of the Personnel Administrator as described in Article II, Section 4 of the Town of Pepperell Personnel Bylaw until modified by the Pepperell Home Rule Charter. These duties are hereby incorporated into this Agreement and the Town Administrator shall supervise, direct and be responsible for the efficient administration of all functions under his control as delegated to him by the Select Board. The Town Administrator shall perform said duties and functions in a competent and professional manner. The Town Administrator shall be the hiring authority for personnel in accordance with the Town Charter, subject to confirmation by the Select Board. The impact of any changes in the Pepperell Home Rule Charter to the duties of the Town Administrator shall be subject to negotiation between the Select Board and the Town Administrator.
5. Employment Status – Hours. The Town Administrator shall be a salaried employee of the Town and as such shall be an exempt executive employee for the purposes of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C., Section 201, et seq.

In addition, as a municipal employee of the Town, under Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General laws, the Town Administrator shall act in accordance with said Chapter specifically including but not limited to Section 23 of said Chapter.

The Town Administrator shall maintain regular office hours during the normal business week. The Town Administrator acknowledges that he shall attend (1) all meetings of the Select Board unless excused by the Chair of the Select Board, (2) the Annual Town Meeting, (3) Special Town Meetings, and (4) such other meetings as may be required in the performance of his duties as Town Administrator of the Town. The Town Administrator shall devote his full time and attention to his duties as Town Administrator.

If the Town Administrator will be absent from the office for a full day for any reason, he shall notify the Chair of the Select Board.

6. Vacation, Sick and Personal Leave.
  - a) The Town Administrator shall be entitled twenty (20) days of vacation leave per year for the term of this contract. Vacation days not used may be accumulated and carried over to the next contract year; however, beginning fiscal year 2023, the Town Administrator will not be allowed to carry over more than twenty (20) vacation days. The Select Board agrees to buy back one week of vacation if not taken in FY22 to be paid prior to June 30, 2022. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2023 The Town Administrator may request by January 31 of each year, a buy-back of up to five days, subject to available funding and to be paid in June of that same year. By the end of this contract the Town Administrator's vacation carry forward will be in alignment with the town Employee Personnel Policies.
  - b) The Town Administrator shall be entitled to accrue eight (8) hours of paid sick leave for each completed calendar month of active employment. He may take sick leave in half-hour increments. He may accumulate unused sick leave to a maximum of 720 hours.

- c) The Town Administrator shall be entitled to Funeral Leave, and Jury Duty in accordance with Article V of The Town of Pepperell Personnel Bylaw.
7. Holiday Leave. The Town Administrator shall be entitled to holiday leave in accordance with Article V of The Town of Pepperell Personnel Bylaw.
8. Other Benefits.
- a) The Town Administrator shall be entitled to all health and life insurance benefits to which other non-bargaining unit Town employees are entitled.
  - b) Town of Pepperell will provide and pay for all technology devices that are needed to carry out the general business of his position including a mobile phone and lap top/tablet for the Town Administrator.
  - c) The Town Administrator will be offered a match of up to 3% of his salary for the purpose of deferred compensation directed to the 457 deferred compensation plan and will be managed by the Town Administrator.
9. Professional Development.
- a) The Town Administrator shall be given opportunities to develop his skills and abilities as a public administrator. Accordingly, the Town Administrator shall be allowed to attend courses, seminars and meetings relative to public administration which are approved in advance by the Board without loss of vacation or other leave. The Board may, in its discretion, pay for the cost of such programs. If the Board requires the Town Administrator to attend any course, seminar or meeting, the Town shall pay for the cost of such programs and for travel and subsistence expenses incurred by the Town Administrator in attending such programs.
  - b) The Town shall pay for the annual dues of the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association (MMMA), the Massachusetts Municipal Human Resources Association (MMHR), and the International City/County Management Association ((ICMA) memberships.
10. Travel Expenses.
- a) The Town Administrator shall be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties, or as an official representative of the Town, including attendance by him at civic or social events.
11. Indemnification. The Town will provide professional liability insurance for the Town Administrator in the amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence, to provide legal counsel in defense of any action to which the Town Administrator is a party by reason of the alleged performance or nonperformance of his duties except as may relate to suspension or termination of his employment with the Town and to indemnify the Town Administrator in all claims made against him in the performance of his duties even if said claim has been made following termination from employment, including claims for any acts or omissions of the Town Administrator within the scope of Chapter 258 of the Massachusetts General Laws which do not subject the Town itself to liability under the provisions of said Chapter; provided, however, that the Town Administrator has acted in good faith. This section shall survive the term of this Agreement.

12. Performance Evaluation. The Board shall review and evaluate the performance of the Town Administrator in accordance with the Town Charter.

Annually, the Select Board and the Town Administrator shall define measurable goals and performance objectives which they determine necessary for the proper operation of the Town, and in the attainment of the Board's policy objectives and shall further establish a relative priority among those various objectives. The Town of Pepperell, at its discretion, may grant the Town Administrator an increase in salary based upon a satisfactory performance evaluation and progress toward or successful completion of stated goals.

13. Suspension or Removal for Cause. The Select Board may, by a majority vote of the full board, terminate and remove, or suspend, the Town Administrator from office in accordance with Section 4-4 of the Town Charter.

14. Termination.

This Contract may be terminated by either party as provided below:

- (a) By mutual written agreement, signed by the Board and the Town Administrator, upon such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to both parties at the time of termination; or
- (b) By the Town Administrator upon forty-five (45) days' written notice to the Board. Until the effective date of termination, the Town Administrator shall continue to perform his duties and shall, if requested, cooperate with the Board in a search for a successor; or
- (c) In the event the Town Administrator is dismissed at the request of the Board or is terminated by such majority vote of the Board, the Town shall pay the Town Administrator a payment equal to six months of employment, aggregate salary, which shall be paid to the Town Administrator upon the effective date of his termination, subject to his execution of a release of claims prior to making said payment. In the event the Town Administrator is terminated for gross misconduct in office, the Town shall have no obligation to pay the severance provided for in this paragraph. In the event the Select Board asks the Town Administrator to resign or leave office, he shall be deemed to have been terminated by the Select Board for the purposes of severance, and for the purposes of unemployment compensation. This paragraph shall survive any termination of this Agreement.
- (d) In the event the Town Administrator's employment is terminated, this Agreement shall automatically be terminated.


15. General Provisions.

- a) This writing constitutes the complete agreement of the parties as of the date of execution, and supersedes any prior agreements. Any supplemental or additional agreement or amendment shall be effective only if in writing and signed by the Board and the Town Administrator.
- b) If any provision, or any portion thereof, contained in this Contract is held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract, or a portion thereof, shall be deemed severable, shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

- c) In the event there is a significant change in the responsibility of the Town Administrator/Personnel Administrator, it is agreed that the contract can be amended in all aspects including compensation by agreement of the parties.
- d) The Town Administrator may accept speaking, writing, lecturing, teaching, training or other engagements of a professional nature, and accept honoraria or remuneration therefore, provided that they do not interfere with or detract from his duties as Town Administrator and are approved by the Select Board in advance, such approval not to be unreasonably denied, subject to Chapter 268A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

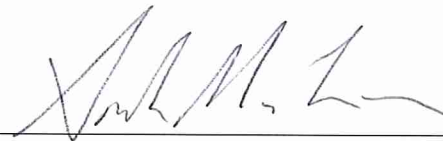
TOWN OF PEPPERELL

SELECT BOARD

  
Margaret Scarsdale, Chair

  
Tony Beattie, Clerk

  
Mark Mathews, Member

  
Andrew MacLean, Town Administrator

04 / 12 / 2022  
Date